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Section 6.09.010 Purpose and intent.

It is the purpose and intent of this Chapter to attain a uniform standard by requiring all food handlers in the City to demonstrate through process of examination that they possess an adequate knowledge of the sanitary principles and practices within the food industry. (Ord. 6429 § 3, 1998)

Section 6.09.020 Definitions.

As used in this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

A. "Food Worker's Certificate" shall mean a statement issued by the County of Riverside Health Officer certifying that a person has satisfactorily demonstrated his or her competency in food sanitation principles and practices.

B. "Food Worker's Manual" shall mean the manual prepared and distributed to food handlers by the County of Riverside Health Officer that describes acceptable procedures and sanitary practices as it pertains to the retail food service industry.

C. "Health Officer" shall mean the Health Officer of the County of Riverside, or his designated representative. (Ord. 6429 § 3, 1998)

Section 6.09.030 Food Worker's Certificate required.

No person shall engage or serve in any work, occupation or employment which requires or occasions the handling of any food, liquor or material intended for food or drink for human consumption or the handling of any dishes or other articles used in the preparation or service of food or drink for human consumption, who does not hold or produce a Food Worker's Certificate as required by this Chapter within fourteen days after engaging or serving in such work, occupation or employment, and no owner, manager or agent of such owner, or person in charge of any establishment or business shall retain in the employ thereof for the performance of such services, any person who does not hold and produce a Food Worker's Certificate as required by this Chapter within fourteen days after such person engages or serves in such employment. This section shall be effective and enforceable six months after the effective date of the ordinance adopting it. (Ord. 6429 § 3, 1998)

Section 6.09.040 Exemption.

Any person who engages or serves or seeks employment relating to domestic or household work or to temporary, occasional or intermittent functions of bona fide religious, charitable or public service organizations, including fraternal organizations, veterans' organizations, established youth organizations, parent-teacher associations, or students in public or private schools under the age of sixteen engaged in school food operations, and civic or community organizations or groups, the primary purpose of which is the betterment of the cultural, social or economic welfare and environment of the community, shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 6.09.030 of this Code. (Ord. 6429 § 3, 1998)

Section 6.09.050 Application for Food Worker's Certificate.

Any person who is engaged or intends to engage in an occupation or employment for which a Food Worker's Certificate is required by Section 6.09.030 of this Chapter shall file with the County of Riverside Health Officer an application for such certificate or a renewal thereof in such form as the County of Riverside Health Officer may require, which application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of ten dollars; provided, however, students sixteen years of age or older engaged in school food operations are exempted from such fee. (Ord. 6429 § 3, 1998)

Section 6.09.060 Qualification for Food Worker's Certificate.

To qualify for the issuance or renewal of a Food Worker's Certificate as required by Section 6.09.030 of this Code, the applicant shall have demonstrated his or her knowledge of acceptable practices in the sanitary preparation, service, storage, distribution and sale of food and beverages and the proper sanitation of equipment and facilities. Such demonstration of knowledge shall be by satisfactorily passing an examination conducted by the County of Riverside Health Officer on such subjects, based on the practices and procedures set forth in the Food Worker's Manual. A copy of the latest edition of said manual shall be made available by the County of Riverside Health Officer to those persons applying for a Food Worker's Certificate or renewal thereof. (Ord. 6429 § 3, 1998)

Section 6.09.070 Issuance of Food Worker's Certificate.

When qualified pursuant to Section 6.09.060, the applicant shall be issued a Food Worker's Certificate containing the following information: certificate number, name, home address, expiration date and attesting signature. Such certificate shall expire two years after the date it was issued. (Ord. 6429 § 3, 1998)

Section 6.09.080 Duplicate Food Worker's Certificate.

A duplicate Food Worker's Certificate, for good cause, may be issued by the County of Riverside Health Officer for a fee of one dollar. (Ord. 6429 § 3, 1998)

Section 6.09.090 Revocation of Food Worker's Certificate.

The Food Worker's Certificate may be revoked by the County of Riverside Health Officer upon evidence indicating repeated or continuing violations of accepted practices and procedures in the preparation, service, storage, distribution, or sale of food or beverages, or upon evidence indicating falsification of information required for issuance of such certificate. (Ord. 6429 § 3, 1998)

Section 6.09.100 Appeal.

Any person who has an application for a Food Worker's Certificate denied by the County of Riverside Health Officer or who has had such a certificate revoked by the County of Riverside Health Officer, may appeal such denial or revocation by filing with the Clerk, within ten days

after the date of such denial or revocation, a written notice of appeal briefly setting forth the reasons why such denial or revocation is not proper and by paying the fee set by Resolution. The City Clerk shall give notice of the time and place of the hearing to the appellant.

Such appeal shall be heard by the City Council or a Board or Committee designated by the City Council which may affirm, amend or reverse the decision or take such other action as it deems appropriate. In conducting the hearing, City Council or other hearing body shall not be limited by the technical rules of evidence. (Ord. 6429 § 3, 1998)

Section 6.09.110 Display of Food Worker's Certificate.

Any person required to have a Food Worker's Certificate shall immediately submit such certificate to his or her employer. It shall be the duty of every such employer to keep on continuous display at the place of employment the Food Worker's Certificate of all such persons employ or engaged therein, and to display therewith a current list of all such persons therein engaged or employed for comparison with such certificates. Upon termination of employment, each unexpired certificate shall be returned to the holder. (Ord. 6429 § 3, 1998)

Section 6.09.120 Violation.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be guilty of an infraction and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by:

- A. A fine not exceeding fifty dollars for the first violation;
- B. A fine not exceeding one hundred dollars for the second violation within one year;
- C. A fine not exceeding two hundred fifty dollars for each additional violation within one year. Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense. (Ord. 6429 § 3, 1998)